

The article was then unanimously ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The report of the committee on the legislative department was then taken up.

Mr. Archer submitted the following as an additional section, and it was adopted: "The General Assembly shall pass no laws suspending the writ of habeas corpus."

The following section, which was made the special order for today, was then read:

"No person shall be incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly."

The pending question was on the motion of Mr. Brewer, of Montgomery, to strike out.

Mr. Brewer, of Baltimore city, moved, to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Tuesday next, as there were a number of members who had not yet returned, and who would wish to cast their votes on so important a subject.

Mr. Brown hoped there would be no postponement. The Convention in a very full house had substantially decided this question.

The motion to postpone prevailed.

The report of the committee upon the proper basis of representation in the two houses of the General Assembly, and a proper apportionment of representatives in the same, was taken up.

Section 1 was read as follows: "There shall be elected from each of the counties and from each of the three legislative districts of the city of Baltimore, as they now exist or as they may be hereafter defined, one Senator.

Mr. Mackubin moved to amend by providing that the city of Baltimore shall have but one senator. The motion was rejected by a vote of 71 to 14, Messrs. Carmichael, Archer, Devries, Duvall, Ford, Goldsborough of Dorchester, Goldsborough of Talbot, Hall, Lee, Mackubin, Morris, Motter, Page and Tarr of Caroline in the affirmative.

No further amendment being offered, section 2 was